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be of value, must be prepared by Christian scholars. We have trustworthy books, and they should be used and recommended, *e. g.* Ladd's "*What is the Bible?*" and Dods's "*New Testament Introduction*," covering satisfactorily the ground of the book by Mr. Williams. C. W. V.

The City and the Land. London and New York: Macmillan & Co, pp. 234.

This little book is the course of seven lectures delivered in London last year, under the auspices of the Palestine Exploration Fund. It is the more valuable as being an attempt to popularize the best results of the Society's work through the medium of lectures by the men who have themselves wrought in its work. The names of the lecturers are a sufficient guarantee of the value of their work — Wilson, Conder, Tristram, Besant, Wright, Petrie, Dalton. In the first lecture Sir Charles Wilson takes ground with Ferguson in placing the site of Solomon's temple, not on the traditional spot, but in the southwest corner of the *Haram Esh Sherif*, or temple area. This position, which very few scholars hold, is combatted incidentally in the following lecture by Major Conder. Conder's conceptions of the future of Palestine are interesting. He discusses the Jewish colonies lately settled there, and is hopeful for their future. He urges the construction of a railway from Haifa to Damascus, passing down the valley of the Jezreel and crossing the Jordan, thence reaching the plains of Bashan by the valley of the Yarmuk, whence it would follow the Roman road to Damascus. Two different sides of what might be called the romance of scholarship are given. One is the story of the vicissitudes of the Society, as told by the secretary, Walter Besant. The other is "the story of a 'tell,'" in which the discoverer of Lachish, Mr. Petrie, relates the exploration of this now historic mound of the Palestine plain. It would well repay anyone who hopes to visit Palestine to read the final lecture, "The Modern Traveler in Palestine." He will find much excellent advice. Not less valuable are the lectures on the Hittites and the Natural History of Palestine. The latter is of special interest as a study of the geographical distribution of fauna, in a country which is almost a natural laboratory for such study. The great thing which is lacking to this admirable little book is a map, especially a plan of Jerusalem, to accompany the first lecture.

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Bible Studies. Readings in the Early Books of the Old Testament with Familiar Comment, given in 1878–79. By HENRY WARD BEECHER; edited, from the stenographic notes of T. J. Ellinwood, by Jno. R. Howard. New York: Fords, Howard and Hulbert, 1893. Pp. 438. Price, $1.50.

Mr. Beecher was a student of the Scriptures. He was not however a critic of the first order. During the successive years of his ministry he occasionally gave a series of sermons on various topics connected with the Bible. Among these was one on themes connected especially with the earlier records